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That We verily believe that We are original, first, and sole inventors of an invention entitled "METHOD FOR DETECTION AND MONITORING OF HYDROCARBONS" described and claimed in the specifications; That We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specifications, claims and any amendments to the specifications and claims.

That We do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever known or used in the United States before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to this application;

That We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which We are aware and which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a); That the subject invention has not been patented or made the subject matter of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than six months prior to this application; and

That We acknowledge that a Russian Patent Application was filed in the Russian Patent Office on the subject invention on November 30, 1998 having Reference Number 98121915 and accordingly we claim priority of this date under 35 U.S.C. 119. A certified copy of the Russian Patent Application will be filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office prior to a patent issuing on the application as filed and as required under 35 U.S.C. 119.

As the named inventors, We hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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The undersigned petitioners declare further that all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS [37 CFR §§ 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)] - INDEPENDENT INVENTORS
As below named inventors, We hereby declare that we qualify as an independent inventors as defined in 37 CFR §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under §41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled METHOD FOR DETECTION AND MONITORING OF HYDROCARBONS described in the specification filed herewith.

We acknowledge our duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which our status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR § 1.28 (b))

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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